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BOOK NOTICES.

[All publications received, which relate directly or indirectly to the Old Testament, will be promptly noticed under this head. Attention will not be confined to new books; but notices will be given, so far as possible, of such old books, in this department of study, as may be of general interest to pastors and students.]

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

Old Testament History of Redemption; Lectures by FRANZ DELITZSCH. Translated from Manuscript Notes by SAMUEL IVES CURTISS. D.D. Professor in Chicago Theological Seminary. 12mo. pp. 213. Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark. Price, \$2.00.

Hours with the Bible; or The Scriptures in the light of modern discovery and knowledge. By CUNNINGHAM GEIKIE D.D., Author of "The Life and Words of Christ." Three volumes. 12mo. Vol. I., From Creation to the Patriarchs, pp. 512. Vol. II., From Moses to the Judges, pp. 520: Vol. III., From Samson to Solomon, pp. 493. New York: James Pott. Price per vol., \$2.00. For sale by F. G. Thearle, 151 Wabash Ave., Chicago.

A Handbook to the Bible; being a guide to the study of the Holy Scriptures, derived from Ancient Monuments and Modern Exploration. By F. R. CONDER and C. R. CONDER, R. E. With Maps and Tables. 12mo. pp. 439. New York: Anson D. F. Randolph & Co. Price, \$2.25. For sale by F. G. Thearle, 151 Wabash Ave., Chicago.

Biblical Hermeneutics; chiefly a Translation of the Manuel d'Hermeneutique Biblique. Par J. E. Cellier. By CHARLES ELLIOTT, D.D., and REV. WILLIAM JUSTIN HARSHA. 12mo. pp. 282. New York: Anson D. F. Randolph & Co. Price, \$1.50. For sale by F. G. Thearle, 151 Wabash Ave., Chicago.

Gleanings from the Natural History of the Ancients. By the REV. W. HOUGHTON, M.A., F.L.S. Illustrated. 12mo. pp. 252. New York: Cassell, Petter, Galpin & Co. Price, \$1.25. For sale by F. G. Thearle, 151 Wabash Ave., Chicago.

Egypt. By CLARA ERSKINE CLEMENT, author of "A Simple Story of the Orient." "A Handbook of Legendary and Mythological Art," etc. With one hundred and six illustrations. 12mo. pp. 475. Boston: D. Lothrop & Co. Price, \$1.50. For sale by F. G. Thearle, 151 Wabash Ave., Chicago.

Biblical Things not Generally known; A collection of facts, notes and information, concerning much that is rare, quaint, curious, obscure and little known in relation to Biblical subjects. 12mo. pp. 379. New York: Dick & Fitzgerald. Price, \$1.50. For sale by F. G. Thearle, 151 Wabash Ave., Chicago.

The Patriarchs of the Bible. By the REV. W. HANNA, D.D., and REV. CANON NORRIS, B.D., With colored maps. 12mo. pp. 218. New York: Cassell, Petter & Galpin. Price, \$1.25. For sale by F. G. Thearle, 151 Wabash Ave., Chicago.

OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY OF REDEMPTION.

(See above.)

American and English students should feel under deep obligation to Dr. Curtiss for this translation. No book, hitherto published, has presented the subject in a manner so interesting and so scholarly. Whatever Dr. Delitzsch's opinion may be as to the composition of the Pentateuch from a literary or human standpoint, that his heart is right, that in the essential points he is at one with the orthodox theologians of our country, must be recognized after a perusal of this volume. And this leads to the thought presented in one of Dr. Delitzsch's own *theses*, published in this number: "it would be bad if the faith of the church—that is, the historical certainty of the fundamental faith of redemption-history—were dependent on the results of critical investigation." The author starts out with three suppositions:

(1) That we have in the Old Testament Scriptures an authentic monument, a sufficient and an essentially harmonious document, of the course of the Old Testament history.

(2) That this history is not merely a part of the history of the civilization of mankind by means of an absolute self-development, but a history going forth from God and man as factors, which aims particularly at the re-establishment of the fellowship which was intended in the creation of man, and which was lost through the corruption of the intellectual and moral nature.

(3) Since such a history is not possible unless the activity of God and man interpenetrate we presuppose the reality of miracles, whose general character consists in the interference of the free will in the mechanism of nature as ordered by law,

and whose historical pledge is the resurrection of Jesus, with which not only Christianity, but, in general, revealed religion and the Biblical view of the world in contra-distinction from the modern stands and falls.

The arrangement of the matter is unique, and at first thought fanciful. But one who knows Prof. Delitzsch will scarcely regard him as a fanciful interpreter, and a closer study of the divisions made will be apt to convince the reader that they are by no means imaginary. His arrangement is as follows:

If we observe how the Old Testament articulates itself, so far as we extend it to the Sabbath between the burial and resurrection of Jesus, as the exact end of the old covenant, we discover six steps with which they tend toward the goal attained in the seventh.

1. The primitive period before and after the flood, with the dawning of the light in the darkness, which began before the flood and was renewed after it.

2. The period of the patriarchs, or the separation in the tumultuous sea of nations.

3. The period of Israel's development, and the transplantation to the promised land.

4. The period of David and Solomon, or the rising and setting of the royal glory over Israel.

5. The period of Israel's conflicts with the world-empires, and the elevation of prophecy, which poised over both states until their fall.

6. The period of the recognition, which breaks through in prophecy, and Chochma, of the Mediator and of the Logos, and the historical appearance of the Messiah, who is no longer conceived of in a one-sided way as national, but as human and spiritual.

7. The death and burial of the One who has appeared, and with him of the old covenant—the concluding Sabbath of Old Testament history.

The protevangelium marks the beginning of the first period; the call of Abram, the commencement of the second; the passage through the Red Sea, the commencement of the third; the anointing of David, the commencement of the fourth; the dissolution of the kingdom, the commencement of the fifth; the beginning of the prophecy of the passion, the commencement of the sixth; and the entrance of the great Sabbath of the passion-week, the commencement of the seventh.

The "inner-sightedness" peculiar to all of Dr. Delitzsch's work and "the traces of that Hebraic cast of mind which makes him so peculiarly helpful in Old Testament studies," characterize this volume. No one who reads it will accept all his interpretations, nor will his conclusions in every case seem the most satisfactory, but of what book may this not be said? It is certain that the careful perusal of the book will cause the reader, however learned he may be, more clearly to understand, the significance of the Old Testament and its connection with the New. Of the translation it is sufficient to say that it is the work of an intimate friend of the author, of one therefore who knew and understood him; it is the work also of one who is himself eminent in this particular branch of study.

HOURS WITH THE BIBLE.

(See above.)

There are many Bible students who desire to know the results of the research and investigation which are being made, together with the fruits of that study which has been devoted to the Bible, and especially the Old Testament. But the books containing these are difficult to be obtained, and are written, for the most part, in other languages than our own. It is the aim of these volumes to present this matter in such a shape as to be within the reach of all. The labor has been performed in a scholarly manner. Nearly every important question is touched, and much additional light is thrown upon the pages of the Sacred Record.